

I N F U S I O N # 1

A VISION FOR OUTREACH AND THE ONE-DEGREE RULE

Outreach Influence Team

Meeting Preparation

For the best experience of learning and transformation, please take time to do the following three things:

Read: (Plan 15-20 minutes for all of the reading before your infusion meeting.)

- *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People*
 - Introduction
 - Chapter 1 - “The Law of Love”
- *Organic Outreach for Ordinary People*
 - Chapter 4 - “The One-Degree Rule”

Pray: Ask God to mobilize every person in your church to reach out with the Gospel. Pray that God will turn the temperature of your heart up when it comes to loving lost people and reaching out with the grace of Jesus.

Action: Pay attention to your interactions with non-believers this week and ask yourself if you have a strong and growing passion to see them encounter Jesus.

Infusion Focus

We will turn our attention to understanding the meaning of “Organic Outreach.” We will also talk about our personal passion and engagement in outreach and learn how to raise our temperature for sharing the truth, love, and message of Jesus.





Opening Scripture and Prayer

Read: Matthew 9:35-38 (3 minutes for Scripture and prayer)

Pray: For eyes to see that lost people are like sheep without a shepherd. For God to send workers out into His harvest field...starting with each of you and moving into your whole church (or ministry organization).



Teaching Theme: Understanding Organic Outreach
(28 minutes)

Watch or teach the [*What Is Organic Outreach?*](#) video (1:19)

Read: Matthew 5:13-16

Discuss:

- How can Christians be like light in our world? What does light do that we should be doing?
- How are we supposed to be like salt? What does salt do that we should be doing?
- Give an example of what it looks like when a Christian reaches out in natural and organic ways.

Watch the [*Are You Washed in the Blood?*](#) video (1:59)

Discuss:

- Give an example of what it might look like when someone tries to reach out in a way that is not organic or natural.
- What are some of the consequences of this kind of outreach?
- In thinking about the example of Jesus, what do we learn about how He loved and cared about those who were far from God?

Teaching Theme: The One-Degree Rule

Watch *The One-Degree Rule* video (3:47)

Discuss:

- What are things that can cause us to grow hotter in our passion for the lost?
 - What are things that can quench our passion and bring our temperature down?
 - Why is it important to check ourselves on how our heart is burning toward those who are far from God on a regular basis?
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Share: Have a few of your group members share about a person in their life using the prompts below. (10 minutes)

- Who is one unbelieving person God has placed in your life?
- How do you know this person?
- Where are they in their spiritual journey?
- Share what it would mean to you (and the heart of God) if this person embraced Jesus as Savior and the leader of their life.

Pause and pray for God to use each of you to help people draw near to Jesus.



Break into pairs and give each person a couple of minutes to share about one or two steps they can take to connect more closely with lost people in their life over the coming month and make space for God to increase their love for each of these people. (5 minutes)

Be ready to give an update on these actions at your Outreach Influence Team (OIT) cluster next month.



Look at your schedule for the coming year and add your monthly OIT Meetings.

(10 minutes)

This planning time is very specific. It is set aside to make sure that every ministry is aware of all outreach programs and events that are coming up in the life of your church or ministry. You will talk about ministry-wide events and also outreach that is happening in each part of the church or ministry. KEY- This is not a time to process things like logistics, financing, or other aspects of the event or ministry.

What is coming up in the next four to six months that is churchwide (all-hands-on-deck) outreach?

- Who is leading the event (What ministry owns it)?
- How can you work together (What will each ministry team do, how will they fully engage)?
- How can you pray for this event?

What is coming up in your specific area of ministry in the next three to four months that is focused on outreach?

- How can other ministry leaders and teams support you and help you bear great kingdom fruit?
- How can we all be praying for you?

Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (4 minutes)

- Unity and partnership in the work of the Gospel in your ministry.
- Upcoming outreach ministries and events in your church and ministry areas.
- Outreach to be a passion ignited by the Holy Spirit and not just a church program.



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Break into pairs and give each person a minute to share about one step they can take to connect more closely with lost people in their life over the coming month.
(4 minutes)



Make a commitment in your heart (and willingness with your schedule) to joyfully be part of a monthly Cup of Coffee Infusion.
(5 minutes)

What are two events coming up in the next four months that are churchwide (all-hands-on-deck) outreach?

- Who is leading the event (What ministry owns it)?
 - How can you work together (What will each ministry team do, how will they fully engage)?
 - How can you pray for this event?
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Closing Prayer: Pray together for... (3 minutes)

- The temperature of outreach to go up in your life, your ministry, your church, and in all the churches around our community and the world.
- Outreach to be a passion ignited by the Holy Spirit and not just a church program.



Read: Matthew 9:35-38 (2 minutes for Scripture and prayer)

Pray: Invite one person to pray for your eyes to see that lost people are like sheep without a shepherd. Ask God to send workers out into His harvest field...starting with each of you.



Watch or teach the *What Is Organic Outreach?* video.
(1:19)
(5 minutes)

Learning Theme: The One-Degree Rule

Watch the *The One-Degree Rule* video. (3:47)

Discuss:

- What are things that can cause us to grow hotter in our passion for the lost?
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(4 minutes)

- Who is one unbelieving person God has placed in your life?
- Where are they in their spiritual journey?
- Share what it would mean to you if this person embraced Jesus as Savior .



Take 30 seconds and think about one person in your life who you long to see come to faith in Jesus, and ask God to help you connect more closely with this person over the coming month. Share your person and make a commitment out loud to be open to the Holy Spirit's move in building connection with this person.

(1 minute)



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(2 minutes)

Discuss:

What is the next big outreach event in your church and how can you be a part of it?

Closing Prayer: (1 minute)

- Have one person pray that the temperature of outreach will go up in your lives.